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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

FOR STATE/AID

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 7214

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM
PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 17 THRU JULY 27, 1973.

	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
BEGINNING STOCK	14,861.4	14,184.5	17,328.1	16,778.1
ROUTE 4	--	--	--	1,875
ROUTE 5	--	423.3	--	--
MEKONG	--	3,176	--	--
TOTAL AVAILABLE	14,861.4	17,783.8	17,328.1	18,653.1

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LESS DISTRIBUTION 626.8 439.2 550 550

BALANCE	14,234.6	17,344.6	16,778.1	18,103.1
ADJUSTMENT (RE-				
BAGGING ETC.)	50.1	16.5		
BALANCE	14,184.5	17,328.1		
	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24
BEGINNING STOCK	18,103.1	20,053.1	23,688.1	23,138.1
ROUTE 4	--	1,875	--	--
ROUTE 5	2,500	--	--	--
MEKONG	--	2,310	--	--
TOTAL AVAILABLE	20,603.1	24,238.1	23,688.1	23,138.1
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550	550
BALANCE	20,053.1	23,688.1	23,138.1	22,588.1
	7/25	7/26	7/27	
BEGINNING STOCK	22,588.1	24,538.1	23,988.1	
ROUTE 4	--	--	--	
ROUTE 5	2,500	--	--	
MEKONG	--	--	--	
TOTAL AVAILABLE	25,088.1	24,538.1	23,988.1	
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550	
BALANCE	24,538.1	23,988.1	23,438.1	- 42.6 DAYS
1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4 IS CLOSED: 19,688.1 AT 550/DAY				
EQUALS 35.7				
2) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 IS CLOSED: 18,438.1 AT 550/DAY				
EQUALS 33.5				
3) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 21,128.1 AT 550/DAY				
EQUALS 38.4				
4) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4, ROUTE 5 AND THE MEKONG ARE CLOSED:				
12,378.1 AT 550/DAY EQUALS 22.5				
5) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4, ROUTE 5 AND THE MKEONG ARE CLOSED				
AT 600 M/T PER DAY: 11,818.1 AT 600/DAY EQUALS 19.7				

2. RICE AIRLIFT THE GKR RICE AIRLIFT IS MOVING ALONG, ALBEIT SLUGGISHLY. THE AMOUNT OF RICE LIFTED SINCE OUR LAST REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS BY NUMBER OF SORTIES AND METRIC TONS:

	KG-THOM	KG-CHAM	SVAY RIENG
JULY 17	3 - 7.8	3 - 8.4	4 - 12
JULY 18	3 - 7.8	1 - 2.8	3 - 9

THERE WAS NO USG INPUT DURING THAT SAME PERIOD. AT KOMPONG CHAM, THE AIRSTRIP IS CLOSED TO USAF C-130'S WHILE RUTS AND HOLES ARE BEING FILLED ON THE RUNWAY. A PREVIOUS KHMER REPORT OF ENEMY
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SHELLING HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY THE USAF. RATHER, IT APPEARS THE RUNWAY IS SIMPLY SUFFERING FROM A LACK OF PROPER MAINTENANCE. REPAIRS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED JULY 19 BY A TEAM OF WORKERS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A GKR PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER. AN INSPECTION WILL BE PERFORMED JULY 20 BY USAF/MEDTC PERSONNEL; IF SATISFACTORY, C-130 FLCCHTS OUT OF PHNOM PENH WILL BE RESUMED ON JULY 21. AT SVAY RIENG, THE AIR AMERICA AIRLIFT OUR OF SAIGON WILL START JULY 20. A TOTAL OF 8 SORTIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 2 C-123'S.

THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON THE GKR SIDE STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT NO CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED YET WITH DOMESTIC AIRLINES BECAUSE OF CONTINUED HAGGLING OVER A BASIC FREIGHT RATE PER BAG OF RICE. THE MINISTER OF PLANNING GAVE ORDERS AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING OF THE RICE COMMITTEE TO HAVE THE CONTRACTS SIGNED TODAY. IF THEY ARE NOT, HE WILL FORMALLY EXPRESS OUR DISSATISFACTION TOMORROW.

3. RICE PRICES - RICE PRICES ARE STEADY. BROKENS 1/2 COULD BE PURCHASED TODAY IN EXCESS OF 15 KG. BUT BROKENS 3/4 COULD ONLY BE PURCHASED IN 15 KG BAGS OR SMALLER.

7/19/73	GKR			
RICE	1 KG.	15 KG.	100 KG.	100 KG.
1/15	80	1,150	7,150	5,700
1/25	75	1,050	6,500	5,500
1/50	65	900	6,000	5,000
BROKENS1/2	68	1,000	6,200	3,700
BROKENS3/4	50	800	N/A.	2,500

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